

FBC 101 – Class 5 = The Providence of God (cont.)

The Bible is a Covenantal document, outlining the life and terms of the Kingdom of God. This revelation grows as the life of the kingdom unfolds progressively

- Progressive Revelation does not imply contradictory revelation between the OT & NT
 - Matt 5:17-18
 - We must then find the meta-narrative (overarching story) in how the two covenants relate, and how the New fulfills what began in the Old
- OT = worldly, physical, signs NT = spiritual fulfillment
 - Typology = foreshadowing that leads to greater or deeper fulfillment

Review assignment on parallels between Exodus 1-19 & NT/Christ (some ex. below)

Main study for this class – Exodus 3

- OT:
 - Sinai/Horeb – Hebrew root for wasteland
 - Fire = divine presence, purifies/sanctifies (consecrates as holy), dwelling of God
 - Presence of God = Holy
- NT:
 - Human heart is the wasteland, dry desert bearing no fruit, unholy
 - Fire = HS, and his refining work (Luke 3:16)
 - Indwelling presence makes us holy (sanctified, glorified as dwelling of God)

Other parallels in Exodus and NT

- Tabernacle & Temple = presence of God
 - Temple = Building in the Old
 - Temple = Christ in the Gospels (John 2:19-21)
 - Temple = We as the Body of Christ in the New Covenant (1 Cor 6:19)
- Miraculous signs = prove who is Lord and Savior
 - Ex 17 – Rock-water = Jesus is rock that pours out water (John 7:37-39)
 - Bread from Heaven = Jesus is manna from heaven
- Christ as a new Moses (and better - see Hebrews 3:1-6)
 - Pharaoh hardened heart = Judas hardened heart
 - Passover lamb = Passover death
- Sacrificial system of Atonement
 - Rams & bulls in OT
 - Christ himself in NT (Heb 10:1-7)
- Kingdom of God = the people in relationship and allegiance to their King
 - A political & theocratic state in the Old Testament
 - A people defined spiritually in the New (Luke 17:21, John 18:36)
- Israel – the people of God
 - Ethnic bloodline in OT
 - Spiritual bloodline to Christ (the seed of Abraham) in the NT (Gal 6:11-16, Rom 11:25-27)
- Promised Land
 - Strip of land in Canaan promised to Abraham's descendants = OT
 - The New Heaven & New Earth promised for the New Jerusalem (Bride of Christ) = Rev 21:1-5

Discuss other parallels found in Scripture between the OT and NT

Assignments:

- Read Exodus 20-40 & list comparisons to NT/Christ
- Read Gen 12-17 & reflect on meaning for New Covenant in Christ